

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A picture frame comprising:
several frame ledges and connecting elements for releasably connecting adjacent frame ledges, wherein insertion pockets are provided in the frame ledges and/or the connecting elements into which the connecting elements and/or frame ledges are insertable, wherein the connecting elements comprise two rod-shaped projections that are arranged at right angles to each other and that each are L-shaped in cross section;
~~at least two ledge rear sides of the frame ledges; and~~
~~first fastening elements on the at least two ledge rear sides, the first fastening elements being configured to form a releasable and non-destructive connection with second fastening elements provided on a picture adapted to be stretched onto the frame.~~
2. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 1, wherein said connection is effected by friction.
3. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 1, further comprising friction elements connected with the frame ledges and/or the connecting elements.
4. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 3, wherein said friction elements are lamellae.
5. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 1, wherein said connecting elements comprise a corner portion that is in substantial alignment with the outer contours of the frame ledges in the mounted state.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) A picture frame comprising:
frame ledges connected by connecting elements to form a frame, wherein
insertion pockets are provided in the frame ledges into which the connecting elements
are inserted and wherein the connecting elements comprise two rod-shaped projections
that are arranged at right angles to each other and that each are L-shaped in cross
section, and

first fastening elements provided at at least two ledge rear sides, for being
releasably and non-destructively connected with second fastening elements provided on
a picture adapted to be stretched onto the frame.

8. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein
said first fastening elements are provided at all ledge rear sides, said first fastening
elements cooperating with second fastening elements arranged at the picture.

9. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein
said fastening elements substantially extend over the entire length of the ledge rear
sides.

10. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein
said frame ledges have a groove at the ledge rear side, for receiving the first fastening
elements.

11. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein
said fastening elements cooperate in correspondence with a VELCRO fastener.

12. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein
said frame ledges are configured as hollow profiles.

13. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, further comprising a protrusion which is provided at a ledge front sides of the frame ledges, for keeping the picture, in the stretched state, at a distance (a) to said ledge front side.

14. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein at least one frame ledge comprises a longitudinally extending groove for receiving wall mountings and/or spacers.

15. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 14, wherein said groove is provided at the ledge inside.

16. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein said frame ledges each have the same cross-sectional profile.

17. (Previously presented) The picture frame according to claim 7, wherein said picture is adapted to be stretched consists of elastic material.

18-21. (Cancelled).

22. (New) The picture frame according to claim 1, wherein the L-shaped cross section have legs of different length.

23. (New) The picture frame according to claim 1, wherein the L-shaped cross section have legs of different width.

24. (New) The picture frame according to claim 1, wherein the two rod-shaped projections further comprise an L-shaped inner part inserted into an L-shaped carrier.

25. (New) The picture frame according to claim 24, wherein the L-shaped inner part is formed of a more elastic plastic then the L-shaped carrier and wherein the L-shaped inner part comprises lamellae.

26. (New) The picture frame according to claim 24, further comprising dove-tail shaped projections at the L-shaped carrier.

27. (New) The picture frame according to claim 1, further comprising at least two ledge rear sides of the frame ledges; and first fastening elements on the at least two ledge rear sides, the first fastening elements being configured to form a releasable and non-destructive connection with second fastening elements provided on a picture adapted to be stretched onto the frame.